

# SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS—TEMPORARY

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Vote No. 263

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## BANKRUPTCY REFORM/Cloture (Motion to Proceed)

**SUBJECT:** Consumer Bankruptcy Reform Act . . . S. 1301. Lott motion to close debate on the motion to proceed.

### ACTION: CLOTURE ON THE MOTION TO PROCEED AGREED TO, 99-1

**SYNOPSIS:** As reported with a substitute amendment, S. 1301, the Consumer Bankruptcy Reform Act, will enact reforms to prevent creditors who have the means of paying their debts from unjustly filing for bankruptcy, and will enact reforms to protect consumers from unfair credit practices.

On September 3, 1998, Senator Lott sent to the desk, for himself and others, a motion to close debate on the motion to proceed to the bill.

NOTE: A three-fifths majority (60) vote of the Senate is required to invoke cloture.

The Senate subsequently agreed to the motion to proceed by voice vote. A substitute amendment that had been negotiated with interested parties was then offered, and cloture was filed on that amendment. Later, by unanimous consent, Senators agreed to limit amendments to the bill, and the second cloture motion was withdrawn.

**Those favoring** the motion to invoke cloture contended:

This bill, which passed the Judiciary Committee by a vote of 16-2, addresses a very real problem, and it addresses it in a strong spirit of bipartisan compromise. On many if not most of its provisions, both parties are in agreement on the approach that should be taken. Also, each party has agreed to include provisions which it does not favor, but which the other side supports. For the past 16 years the Senate has cooperated in this bipartisan fashion when dealing with the issue of bankruptcy, and we are very pleased that it has continued in that tradition.

Unfortunately, though, there is an effort underway among many Democrats to hold this bill hostage to extraneous issues. The main reason that we have had to file cloture on the motion to proceed is that Democrats have threatened a filibuster unless they are

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YEAS (99)				NAYS (1)		NOT VOTING (0)	
Republican (54 or 98%)		Democrats (45 or 100%)		Republicans (1 or 2%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (0)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Hutchinson	Akaka	Johnson	Brownback			
Allard	Hutchison	Baucus	Kennedy				
Ashcroft	Inhofe	Biden	Kerrey				
Bennett	Jeffords	Bingaman	Kerry				
Bond	Kempthorne	Boxer	Kohl				
Burns	Kyl	Breaux	Landrieu				
Campbell	Lott	Bryan	Lautenberg				
Chafee	Lugar	Bumpers	Leahy				
Coats	Mack	Byrd	Levin				
Cochran	McCain	Cleland	Lieberman				
Collins	McConnell	Conrad	Mikulski				
Coverdell	Murkowski	Daschle	Moseley-Braun				
Craig	Nickles	Dodd	Moynihan				
D'Amato	Roberts	Dorgan	Murray				
DeWine	Roth	Durbin	Reed				
Domenici	Santorum	Feingold	Reid				
Enzi	Sessions	Feinstein	Robb				
Faircloth	Shelby	Ford	Rockefeller				
Frist	Smith, Bob	Glenn	Sarbanes				
Gorton	Smith, Gordon	Graham	Torricelli				
Gramm	Snowe	Harkin	Wellstone				
Grams	Specter	Hollings	Wyden				
Grassley	Stevens	Inouye					
Gregg	Thomas						
Hagel	Thompson						
Hatch	Thurmond						
Helms	Warner						

#### EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

#### SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

